

during times of our greatest need. They each have made the ultimate contribution to our communities—the contribution of personal sacrifice to ensure our safety and well-being. These men and women rightfully are our heroes.

As a dedicated firefighter, husband, father, and human being, Firefighter and Paramedic John Ulmschneider deserves all of the honor and praise this Chamber can bestow upon him. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District and this House, I extend my sincerest gratitude and condolences to his wife Dawn and daughter Abigail; Cheryl Ulmschneider, his mother; his entire family; friends; Prince George's County Fire Chief Marc Bashoor; the entire Department; and the Prince George's County Professional Fire Fighters & Paramedics Association International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1619.

TRIBUTE TO CANDY HEYER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Candy Hoyer of Council Bluffs, Iowa, for being recognized by the Horatio Alger Foundation to receive the 2016 State-Level Award for Iowa. Candy is a student at Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Candy was selected for this award for her commitment in continuing her education and for serving her community. Candy maintained an "A" grade and scored at one of the highest levels on her ACT test. Candy will receive substantial funds to use towards her college tuition costs. Sarah Steinmetz, the Talented and Gifted Strategist at Abraham Lincoln High School said, "Candy is a young lady who strives 110 percent to go above and beyond what is expected of her and is deserving of this award."

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Candy for being selected to receive this award. I am proud to represent her in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Candy and in wishing her nothing but continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF THE PORT OF BENTON RESTRICTION RELEASE ACT OF 2016

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce my legislation, the Port of Benton Restriction Release Act of 2016. This legislation will lift the conveyance restrictions on a 71.5 acre parcel of land that was deeded to the Port of Benton (Port) in 1996 by the United States Maritime Administration (MARAD). The Port acquired this parcel of land as part of an effort to transfer excess and unneeded land from the "Former 3000 Area" of the Hanford nuclear reservation, located in

the Tri-Cities region of Central Washington, back to the local communities. Recently, the Port has explored economic development opportunities on this parcel, however the existing conveyance restrictions have inhibited their ability to develop the land for the economic benefit of the Tri-Cities region.

In recent years, there has been an increase in economic activity near this property, including over \$70 million in investments, the creation of the Manhattan Project National Historic Park in 2014, and the transfer of 1,641 acres of Hanford land back to the local communities for further economic and industrial development. The Port of Benton has targeted uses for this land that include clean energy manufacturing, bio products, solar array, and industrial operations, which could yield investments of \$1 billion for the local communities and the creation of 1,500 jobs for the region.

However, the conveyance restrictions on this property have inhibited the Port's ability to attract private and small businesses to make investments in the Former Hanford 3000 Area. These restrictions require that all sub-leases over five years on the property be submitted to MARAD for approval. Additionally, the Port is required to submit annual reports to MARAD for the parcel.

This important legislation will release all remaining federal deed restrictions on the 71.5 acre property, which will allow the Port of Benton and the surrounding communities to continue their hard work to create jobs, stimulate economic growth, and retain a skilled workforce in the area, and this parcel of land is a critical component of this effort. For these reasons I urge my colleagues to support this commonsense legislation, which will have a positive and lasting impact on the economic viability and competitiveness of the Tri-Cities region.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted No on Recorded Vote No. 162.

TRIBUTE TO HOWARD CLOTHING AND SPORTING GOODS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Howard Clothing and Sporting Goods of Shenandoah, Iowa. Howard Clothing and Sporting Goods has been serving customers for over 65 years since it was founded in 1951 by Jim and Gladys Howard.

Darlene and Dennis Howard are the second generation owners of Howard Clothing and Sporting Goods. Darlene and Dennis purchased the store from Dennis' parents in 1976, later joined by their son, Derek, to operate the business each day. The store handles

a variety of items, such as athletic shoes, tuxedos, ties, baseball bats, uniforms, and trophies. Dennis travels a 60-mile radius as he serves the public and local schools, assisting with their clothing and sporting needs. Darlene said, "You never know, anything can happen. Regardless, it's been a great business. We've both enjoyed it over the past four decades."

Mr. Speaker, I commend Howard Clothing and Sporting Goods and their staff for their 65 years of dedicated service to Shenandoah and southwest Iowa. I urge my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Howards for surpassing this incredible milestone and in wishing them and their family nothing but continued success.

NATIONAL DEFENSE

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, the first and fundamental purpose of government is to provide for the common defense.

Of the 17 powers granted to the Congress under Article One, Section Eight of the Constitution, 6 of them deal exclusively with the national defense.

Providing for our national defense is the only mandatory function of our government.

It follows, then, that we must take this responsibility very seriously.

And I do.

As a senior Member of the House Armed Services Committee, I am working to ensure that we reverse the troop cuts made by this Administration, and to provide the necessary materials and equipment we need to respond to the threats we face.

Whether this Administration admits it or not, there are many that seek the "death of America."

We must recognize that we are at war with terrorists—they are constantly devising means and methods to injure our citizens, whether they are home or abroad.

As Iran, China, and Russia continue to provoke—and even detain—our armed forces. We must show that we will not be disrespected, mistreated, or intimidated.

The best offense is a good defense and I will continue to ensure that we have both.

TRIBUTE TO JULIA C. "JUDY" RUNNEBOHM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of my good friend Julia C. "Judy" Runnebohm of Shelbyville, Indiana.

Born on September 27, 1936, to Thomas and Nell "Morris" Jenkins, Judy lived a long, full life dedicated to her family and her community.

As the Good Book says in Acts 20:35, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." And, Judy truly lived this scripture throughout her life. Everyone who knew her, knew of her love